

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended)      A shock absorbing material for packaging, said material comprising:

a hole for deaeration which is formed so as to penetrate between a first surface thereof which is brought into contact with an inner surface of a packaging carton when said shock absorbing material is placed in said packaging carton, and a second surface thereof on which a target product to be packed is placed via a thin film member ~~for packaging which is thinly formed.~~

2. (currently amended)      The shock absorbing material for packaging according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that said shock absorbing material has further comprising~~ a deaerating-duct insertion opening which is formed so as to penetrate between the first and second surfaces, and into which a deaerating duct can be inserted.

3. (currently amended)      The shock absorbing material for packaging according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that said material includes further comprising~~ grooves for deaeration which are formed in ~~either or both~~ at least one of the first and second surfaces, and which provide communication between the deaerating-duct insertion opening and the hole for deaeration.

4. (currently amended)      The shock absorbing material for packaging according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the hole for deaeration is formed on a side of a dented portion ~~for product placement formed~~ provided in the second surface, the dented portion for placement of the product.

5. (withdrawn)      A deaeration packaging method comprising:  
a shock absorbing material placing step of placing a shock absorbing material for packaging according to Claim 1 in a packaging carton;  
a thin film member loading step of loading a thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed onto said absorbing material for packaging and into said packing carton;  
an evacuating step of evacuating air between the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed and the shock absorbing material for packaging via a hole for deaeration, and adhering the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed to both the shock absorbing material for packaging and the packing carton by inserting a deaerating duct into a deaerating-duct insertion opening of said shock absorbing material for packaging, and sucking out the air;  
and  
a target-to-be-packaged placing step of placing a target to be packaged on said shock absorbing material for packaging to which the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed is adhered and loaded.

6. (withdrawn)      A deaeration packaging method comprising:

a shock absorbing material placing step of placing a shock absorbing material for packaging according to Claim 1 in a packaging carton;

a thin film member loading step of loading a thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed onto said absorbing material for packaging and into said packaging carton;

an evacuating step of evacuating air between the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed and the shock absorbing material for packaging via a hole for deaeration of said shock absorbing material for packaging, and adhering the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed to both the shock absorbing material for packaging and the packaging carton by inserting a deaerating nozzle from a back surface of said packing carton into the hole for deaeration, and sucking out the air; and

a target-to-be-packaged placing step of placing a target to be packaged on said shock absorbing material for packaging to which the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed is adhered and loaded.

7. (new) The shock absorbing material for packaging according to claim 1, further comprising at least one dented portion in the second surface, the dented portion for placement of the product therein,

wherein at least two holes for deaeration are formed in the dented portion.